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Eleanor Zahnow - Milk in the Pacific Northwest and Arizona-Las Vegas marketing areas:

Docket No. AO-368-A32; AO-271-A37; DA-03-04B

Dear USDA:

I am writing in OPPOSITION to the proposed regulation of producer-handlers.

I am very troubled that USDA would enact rules that increase the price of milk to the consumer and that limit competition in the marketplace.

I urge USDA to reconsider its recommendation and to act in way the respects both consumers and the investment of time and money that producer-handlers have put into their family businesses.

We are retired and on a fixed income, this increase in prices will effectively make our already tight budget even tighter.

Sincerely, Eleanor Zahnow 9845 Guide Meridian Lynden Washington, 98264 Household Count: 2 normzahnow@bmt.net